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1. COMMITTEE OF 24 AND PUERTO RICO --
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IN RESPONSE TO FORRESTER'S (AUSTRALIA) QUERY

ABOUT CUBAN INTENTIONS CONCERNING COMMITTEE OF 24 CON-
SIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO, CUBAN MISOFF SALADO VILLACIN

SAID HE BELIEVED THAT, ALTHOUGH GOC WOULD PREFER A
RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO, A "DECISION" LIKE THAT OF
LAST YEAR WOULD BE OKAY. CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON IS

EXPECTED BACK IN NEW YORK IN A FEW DAYS WITH INSTRUCTIONS, AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER HIS APPROACH WILL BE ANYTHING LIKE THAT SALADO IS REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2469)

2. CALL BY GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO --

PUERTO RICAN GOVERNOR CARLOS ROMERO BARCELLO, AT HIS REQUEST, CALLED ON AMB YOUNG AUG. 2. THE GOVERNOR DISCLOSED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION, WHICH AT FIRST APPEARED RELIABLE, THAT THE ELECTRIC, BUS, FIREMEN'S AND WATER WORKERS UNIONS ("COMMUNIST LED") MIGHT BE PLANNING A MASSIVE STRIKE ON THE EVE OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO, POSSIBLE REQUIRING CALLING OUT THE NATIONAL GUARD. HOWEVER, IN TALKS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE ELECTRIC AND BUS DRIVERS UNIONS, THE GOVERNOR DETECTED UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHAT COURSE WILL FOLLOW. YOUNG SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED THAT HE AND COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) VISIT PUERTO RICO TOGETHER, BUT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION SALIM WISHED TO BE INVITED IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24. MISOFF ELABORATED ON THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH AN INVITATION TO SALIM AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WOULD POSE. THE GOVERNOR COMMENTED THAT ANY COMMITTEE OF 24 VISITING MISSION (WHICH MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE THIS SESSION) COULD CAUSE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES
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SINCE A MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION (50,000-60,000) COULD BE ORGANIZED IN PUERTO RICO. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2476)

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3. COMMITTEE OF 24 AUG. 3 --

THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AUG. 3 THE
RESOLUTION (L. 1180) ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES WITH A
NUMBER OF CHANGES THAT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON DURING CON-
SULTATIONS. AT THE OUTSET, CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA)
ANNOUNCED THE CHANGES, AND STRESSED THAT THE REVISED
TEXT DID NOT REPRESENT THE UNANIMOUS VIEW OF MEMBERS
BUT, RATHER, A BROAD MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ENCOMPASSING THE
GENERAL VIEWS OF MEMBERS. ACCEPTANCE OF THE
AMENDMENTS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED THE DRAFT FROM THE US
POINT OF VIEW AND, TOGETHER WITH THE GUAM TEXT, POSITION
US TO OBTAIN AN IMPROVED GUAM RESOLUTION AT THE 32ND
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GA. FORRESTER (AUSTRALIA) WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL,
ESFANDAIARY (IRAN) ACTIVE AND VOCAL, THE INDIAN AMENDMENT
CRUCIAL, AND CHAIRMAN SALIN'S (TANZANIA) LEADERSHIP AN
ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN OBTAINING THE CHANGES.
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THE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED WITH OUT OBJECTION A
RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF A GA
DECISION THAT A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY HAS ATTAINED
A FULL MEASURE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF CHARTER
CHAPTER II, THE ADMINISTERING POWER CONCERNED SHOULD
CONTINUE TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION REGARDING IT UNDER
CHARTER ART. 73(E).

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4. COMMITTEE ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES--

THE COMMITTEE AUG. 3 ELECTED BY CONSENSUS AND WITHOUT DEBATE HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) AS CHAIRMAN, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF IRAN, FRG AND NICARAGUA AS VICE CHAIRMEN. RAPPOREUR POST REMAINS UNFILLED BECAUSE EE'S INDICATED THEY DO NOT DESIRE IT. HARRIMAN EMERGED AS CHAIRMAN BECAUSE OF AFRICAN OPPOSITION TO CANDIDACY OF NICARAGUA AND WEO'S DESIRE NOT TO DELAY COMMITTEE'S WORK. TANZANIA ARGUED IN SUPPORT OF GENERAL DEBATE, AND ALGERIA, LIBYA AND DEMOCRATIC YEMEN ADVOCATED OPEN ENDED DEBATE. UK, US AND CANADA, WHILE NOT OPPOSING GENERAL DEBATE, THOUGHT IT LARGELY UNNECESSARY IN LIGHT OF PREVIOUS GA DEBATE AND THAT AT LEAST ITS LENGTH SHOULD BE LIMITED. AS COMPROMISE, COMMITTEE ACCEPTED
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CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION TO ALLOW DEBATE UNTIL AUG. 10, IF NECESSARY, AND THEN CONSIDER PROPOSALS AND WORK ON DRAFTING CONVENTION. FRG, OPENING AND ONLY GENERAL DEBATE SPEAKER, DESCRIBED NEED FOR CONVENTION ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES, REFERRED TO FRG DRAFT, AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS EACH OF ITS PROVISIONS.
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5. HAITIAN EXILE DEMONSTRATION --

GROUP OF ABOUT 40 HAITIAN EXILES DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE USUN AUG. 2 PROTESTING AMB YOUNG'S UPCOMING VISIT TO HAITI. AT YOUNG'S INVITATION, GROUP MET WITH HIM AND URGED HIM TO CONDEMN IN STRONGEST FASHION THE LIFE-PRESIDENCY, CONTINUED POVERTY AND REPRESSION IN HAITI, AND REPEATEDLY WARNED AGAINST BEING DECEIVED BY WHAT THEY PREDICTED WOULD BE ATTEMPT BY HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO ARGUE THAT THINGS WERE GETTING BETTER.
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